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Envision 2040 Task Force Member;

I have really enjoyed attending the past meetings in 2008, but in light of what's happened, I have some very timely questions.

Due to the changed reality of future transit availability along the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Corridors, how does this change how the task force should plan for future residential growth, placement of employment lands for jobs, and core services?

VTA's John Ristow and I spoke at length last Saturday about the impact to specific plans for upgraded transit throughout the city in light of the VTA Board decision to allocate resources to BART. John acknowledged that there were no plans for West San Carlos St, and that it would be 5+ years, probably much longer in light of poor economic conditions, for service improvements anywhere in the city.

John agreed it will be a problem when I asked how the new residents will get to their jobs - and how will the surrounding community deal with traffic congestion during "the in-between time"? - the time from when the new residents move into TOD and Affordable Housing units - and when upgraded transit arrives. As a resident adjacent to an unfunded TOD Corridor, you bet it will be a problem.

How can the Envision 2040 Task Force shape the Land Use Scenarios to reflect this changed reality? What triggers might be inserted into the document? How will dispersion be affected?

Due to VTA's recent policy shift to concentrate resources on BART, how will Envision 2040 Land Use Scenarios reflect the reality of any upgraded transit along transit corridors for many, many years to come?

\* How will this affect the decisions to locate high-density housing along these unfunded corridors?

\* How will high concentrations of new residents in hubs or villages, - without transit, affect the livability, desirability, and success of these projects?

\* How can we design a plan that keeps transit resources and growth, in balance?

This new transit reality changes the very core of our discussions.

Thanks... I look forward to the Feb, 7th workshop.

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